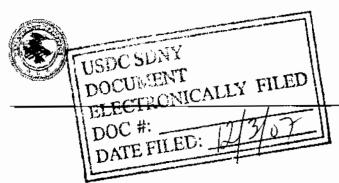
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The Honorable Loretta A. Preska United States District Judge 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Albir Alkhabbaz, 07 Cr. 1014 (LAP)

Dear Judge Preska:

A pretrial conference in this matter is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 2007. The Government respectfully requests that the conference be adjourned. The parties are engaged in plea discussions but we do not expect those discussions to be completed by December 4, 2007. Furthermore, that day I will begin a trial before Judge Deborah A. Batts in *United States v. Washington Salcedo*, \$2.04 Cr. 481 (DAB), which is expected to last into the following week. Accordingly, I respectfully request that the conference be adjourned by two weeks and that time be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(A), so that the parties can complete their plea discussions and the defendant can continue to review discovery. Thave spoken with Jo Anne Adlerstein, Esq., counsel for the defendant, who consents to this

The December 4 conference is adjourned to Decomber 18 at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted.

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